

**WACT Board of Directors
Minutes (as Amended) May 9, 2009
La Crosse Community Theatre, La Crosse, WI**

The meeting was called to order by the President at 3:25 pm. Members present were President Allen Ebert, Vice-President Mark Holten, Treasurer Dee Baldock, Secretary Greg Parmeter, and members-at-large Randall Read and Fred Wahls.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

It was moved by the Treasurer and seconded by Fred Wahls that the minutes of the March 29, 2009 meeting be approved as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

It was moved by Fred Wahls and seconded by the Vice-President that the minutes of the June 21, 2008 meeting be approved as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

It was noted that the board is still missing its minutes from the meeting of February 24 and April 12. (Current secretary is unsure of what year these meeting took place.)

Report from the Treasurer:

According to the Treasurer's report, there were no changes from the last report.

There was a question regarding when the due date for renewing WACT memberships was. Renewals are due in August.

There was a question as to whether all board members' dues and contact information are current.

Randall Read provided the Treasurer with his updated contact information and paid his dues.

The Secretary requested that he be provided with electronic copies of all reports to include with the minutes.

Randall Read inquired about an organizational membership for North Western Wisconsin Performing Arts Center.

Administrative Matters:

The previous decision made to write a letter to AACT regarding the Board's concerns regarding the AACT National Representative at the festival was re-examined. It was decided instead of writing a letter to simply request a different national representative for future festivals.

Off-Year Festival:

Fred Wahls officially declined the invitation to host this year's festival, but did invite the 2012 Festival to Tomah.

The President agreed to contact Board Member Brad Toberman about hosting the festival in Baraboo as it is an ideal, centrally located venue. It was deemed necessary to develop contingency plans in the event that Baraboo proved unable to host.

- Randall Read offered to contact the Lunt-Fontane Center in New Mills
- The Treasurer offered to contact Beaver Dam

The Board re-iterated its goal that the off-year festival be a work-shop oriented event that we could use to recruit new members and new organizations.

It was also suggested that eliminated meals from the festival would lower the cost and possibly encourage more people to attend.

The next board meeting will be dedicated to the planning of the festival.

Web-Site:

It was announced that the List-serve feature will be ready to roll out within a month. Past-President Bob Kafka will be contacting everyone on the board regarding a test run before we officially announce the list-serve to the rest of the membership.

Newsletters:

Bob Kafka will continue to publish the newsletter.

Brad Toberman is scheduled to write the next Board Article for the newsletter. The President will remind him of such.

AACTFest 2011:

There is nothing to report at this time.

The Treasurer gave a brief update on the Regional Conference in South Bend, Indiana.

Awards:

There was discussion and it was agreed upon that we need to do a better job of promoting our individual and organizational awards.

Bob Kafka had plaques made and sent them out to the theatres and individuals who won awards at the state festival.

Membership:

No change since the last meeting.

Report of the Nominating Committee:

Nothing at this time.

New Business:

The Secretary updated the board on La Crosse Community Theatre's ongoing search for a new Executive Director.

The board discussed the continued lack of regular attendance at board meetings. Various issues that may lead to poor attendance included:

- Expense
- Time commitment
- Travel distance
- Other event conflicts
- Poor communication

SKYPE, a free software download for distance meetings was suggested as a possible solution to some of these problems. It was agreed that this should be considered only as a last ditch possibility.

Next Meeting:

The President requested that the board contact him regarding available dates for the month of August.

Location:

- Baraboo is the first choice for location of meeting dependant on the Off-Year hosting issue.
- Tomah is second choice.
- Beaver Dam should host if they ultimately invite the festival.

Randall Read invited the Fall meeting of the board to Rice Lake.

It was moved by Fred Wahls and seconded by the Vice-President to adjourn. The motion carried by unanimous consent and the President adjourned the meeting at 4:44 pm.